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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: EMIN, PP
SUBJECT: FOLLOW UP ON BOUGAINVILLE COPPER RIOTS

REF: A. PORT MORESBY 442 B. PORT MORESBY 444

1. LOCAL PRESS MAY 19 REPORTS POLICE ARE WITHDRAWING CHARGES OF RIOTOUS BEHAVIOR AGAINST 700 COPPER MINE WORKERS AND ONLY RINGLEADERS ARE BEING HELD. THE MOVE WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING BASED ON HUMANITARIAN CONDITIONS. THE MAKESHIFT DETENTION FACILITIES AT BOUGAINVILLE ARE A BREEDING GROUND FOR POTENTIAL DYSENTARY OUTBREAK, AND ALSO THERE IS FEAR THAT THE WORKERS MIGHT ATTEMPT A MASSIVE JAIL-BREAK.

2. THE MINE RESUMED PRODUCTION ON MAY 18 BUT AT A CONSIDERABLY REDUCED LABOR STRENGTH. BOUGAINVILLE COPPER HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT BACK WORKERS "IF THEY GO THROUGH COURT AND ARE FOUND NOT GUILTY", BUT THE PRESS DOES NOT REFLECT THE COMPANY'S VIEWS ABOUT TAKING BACK WORKERS IF RIOTING CHARGES ARE SIMPLY DROPPED.

3. IN AN UNHAPPY NOTE, PRESS REPORTS NEW POLICE COMMISSIONER PIUS KEREPIA STATEMENT THAT HE WAS DEEPLY ASHAMED BY THE OUTBREAKS OF THE RIOTS DURING HIS ATTENDANCE AT A POLICE
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